

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, immediately following the title, please insert the following:

Field of the Invention

On page 1, after line 3, please insert the following:

Background of the Invention

On page 2, after line 7, please insert the following:

Summary of the Invention

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 15 through line 26 with the following rewritten paragraph.

The invention provides a stairlift ~~according to claim 1~~ and a method for moving the stairlift ~~according to claim 9~~. According to the invention, the stairlift contains a drive for carrying out swivel rotations during the movement of the stairlift along the rail, in order to prevent collisions with the walls of the stairwell and/or steps of the stairway. At locations along the rail where such collisions would occur without rotation, the platform is rotated away from the respective wall or step relative to the

rail. In this manner, in bends, the platform can be kept clear of the steps without a greatly raised mounting of the rail being necessary. As a result, more headroom is left. With the aid of a location-dependent rotation, the platform can also be moved along the rail in a more limited space, so that the stairlift can be used in narrower stairwells.

On page 2, after line 26, please insert the following:

Brief Description of the Drawings

On page 3, after line 5, please insert the following:

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 15 through line 19 with the following rewritten paragraph.

It will be clear that there is some freedom in the choice of the paths through the x-phi diagram. The paths are preferably chosen such that phi is approximates 90 degrees as closely as possible (which corresponds with an angle where the transported person is facing away from rail 10. This is experienced as being the most safe.)